

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 PORT A 01201 211620Z

61

ACTION ARA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-03 H-02 INR-07 L-02

NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06 AID-05

OIC-02 IO-10 /072 W

----- 126758

R 211552Z MAY 75

FM AMEMBASSY PORT AU PRINCE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9847

INFO AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE PORT AU PRINCE 1201

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OAS, HA

SUBJECT: OASGA: PRESS REACTION TO ELECTION OF SECGEN ORFILA

REF: STATE 115863; PAUP 1174 (NOTAL)

1. IN HIS OTHER WISE FAVORABLE COVERAGE OF THE US ROLE AT OASGA, LE NOUVELLISTE'S ON-THE-SPOT REPORTER GERARD JOLIBOIS APPARENTLY WAS INFLUENCED BY THE DISAPPOINTMENT FELT BY GOMEZ BERGES' CARIBBEAN SUPPORTERS OVER USG SUPPORT FOR THE FIFTH CONSECUTIVE SOUTH AMERICAN TO WIN THE SECRETARY-GENERALSHIP. IN HIS MAY 19 ARTICLE JOLIBOIS POINTED OUT THAT THE POST HAS BEEN HELD SUCCESSIVELY BY A COLOMBIAN, CHILEAN, URUGUAYAN, ECUADORIAN, AND NOW AN ARGENTINIAN, AND RECALLED THAT THE LATE FRANCOIS DUVALIER HAD USED ALL HIS INFLUENCE IN 1968 TO HELP ELECT GALO PLAZA. BUT, HE WENT ON, ORFILA'S ELECTION OVER THE CARIBBEAN CANDIDATE APPEARS TO HAVE CONSECRATED A NEW UNWRITTEN RULE WITHIN THE OAS THAT SOUTH AMERICA HAS A MONOPOLY ON THE SECRETARY-GENERALSHIP.

2. GOING ON TO THE US POSITION, JOLIBOIS CLAIMED THAT QUOTE IN STIMULATING THE LAUNCHING OF THE ARGENTINIAN'S CANDIDACY, SUBSTITUTING IT FOR THAT OF PARAGUAY AND THUS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 PORT A 01201 211620Z

PLACING AN OBSTACLE TO THE CHOICE OF THE DOMINICAN

CHANCELLOR, DR. VICTOR GOMEZ BERGES, HAVE SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER AND THE US SOUGHT TO CONSECRATE THEIR ALLIANCE WITH THIS BLOC, FORMERLY CALLED ABC AFTER THE INITIALS OF ARGENTINA, BRAZIL AND CHILE? DO THEY INTEND TO ASSOCIATE THEMSELVES WITH THE EFFORTS OF MME, ESTELA DE PERON IN LIGHT OF THE FRUITFUL RAPPROCHEMENT THAT ARGENTINA HAS UNDERTAKEN WITH PARAGUAY, URUGUAY, BOLIVIA, BRAZIL AND CHILE? DO THEY MEAN TO COLLABORATE OPENLY WITH SOUTH AMERICA'S MOST ADVANCED STATES IN A POLICY OF ECONOMIC REVIVAL FOR THE NEW WORLD? END QUOTE.

3. COMMENT - GIVEN FOREIGN AFFAIRS SECRETARY BRUTUS' DISENCHANTMENT WITH GOMEZ BERGES PERSONALLY, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THE GOH WAS UPSET BY THE EVENTUAL USG SUPLDRT FOR ORFILA. AT THE SAME TIME, BRUTUS NEVER TIRES OF CLAIMING THAT INTERESTS OF CARIBBEAN REGION AND HAITI IN PARTICULAR ARE QUITE DISTINCT FROM THOSE OF LARGE LA STATES TO SOUTH, AND IN RECOGNITION THEREOF HE MAY SEEK PARTICULAR USG CONSIDERATION FOR CARIBBEAN CANDIDATES TO IMPORTANT OAS POSTS IN THE FUTURE.
ISHAM

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: ELECTION RESULTS, PRESS COMMENTS, SECRETARY GENERAL, REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 21 MAY 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: GolinoFR
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975PORTA01201
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750179-0121
From: PORT AU PRINCE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750531/aaaabbwl.tel
Line Count: 82
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION ARA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 75 STATE 115863, 75 PAUP 1174
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: GolinoFR
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 09 SEP 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <09 SEP 2003 by CunninFX>; APPROVED <10 NOV 2003 by GolinoFR>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: OASGA: PRESS REACTION TO ELECTION OF SECGEN ORFILA
TAGS: PORG, HA, US, OAS, (ORFILA, ALEANDJRO)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006